REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

In response to the Official Action, rejected claims 9-12 are cancelled and will be prosecuted in a divisional patent application. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowance of claims 1-8.

All outstanding matters having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and timely Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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